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Summary:

(October 8, 2004)-The Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota, Morris and the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Regional Center – Morris have been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota. The grant will support the “Futures Festival: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies for Older Adults and Communities” event planned at UMM on November 12. The focus will be on vital aging, strengthening lifelong learning, and building vital communities in western Minnesota.

Lifelong learning grants have also been awarded to University of Minnesota campuses at Crookston and Rochester. The goal of the grants is to support lifelong learning communities for older adults across Minnesota.

The grants have been made possible by the California-based Bernard Osher Foundation. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of Minnesota accepted funding from the Osher Foundation to support its volunteer-run program of lifelong learning for older adults. Formerly known as the ElderLearning Institute, the organization has grown to nearly 800 members. Next year will be the 10-year anniversary.

The grants to Crookston, Morris, and Rochester will build on the idea of learning no matter the age of the learner. Participants in each of the three projects will meet together in the spring to share information about their project and to explore ways to strengthen programs for older adults learners across Minnesota.

The Twin Cities-based Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is affiliated with the College of Continuing Education, which provides adults with educational programs for personal enrichment and professional development.

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